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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Alfred E. Mann et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/334,858 )  
Filed: June 16, 1999 )  
For: EXTERNAL INFUSION DEVICE WITH )  
REMOTE PROGRAMMING, BOLUS )  
ESTIMATOR AND/OR VIBRATION )  
ALARM CAPABILITIES )

Group Art Unit 3763

Examiner: A. Van

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

BOX RCE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. [X] The applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114, to the above-identified patent application.
2. [X] This request is being submitted after a July 9, 2001 Final Office Action and before abandonment of the application.
3. [X] Do not consider and enter the response filed September 10, 2001, this response was not previously entered as noted on the September 27, 2001 Advisory Action.
4. [X] An Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith.
5. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement with 6 reference(s) is being filed concurrently herewith.

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6. [X] The filing fee is calculated as follows, and is based on the number of claims in the application after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

			LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Basic RCE Fee Rate \$ 740		Basic RCE Fee Rate \$370
Total Claims	<u>73</u> - 72 =	1	x \$18 = <u>\$18</u>		x \$9 = <u>    </u>
Indep. Claims	<u>12</u> - 11 =	1	x \$78 = <u>\$78</u>		x \$39 = <u>    </u>
			MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS... <u>    </u> x \$260 = <u>    </u>		x \$130 = <u>    </u>
			TOTAL FILING FEE .....		<u>\$836</u>

7. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0621. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
8. [X] Applicant's petition for a 1 month extension of time is also enclosed.
9. [X] The application is assigned of record to: **MiniMed Inc.**
10. [X] Address all future communications to:

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